

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 23, 2013

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for rollcall votes 375 and 376. Had I been present, I would have voted yes on both.

UNIVERSAL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE'S 25-YEAR ANNIVERSARY COMMENDATION

HON. TAMMY DUCKWORTH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. DUCKWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following.

Whereas, for 48 years, Universal Technical Institute (UTI) has been the leading provider of post-secondary education for students seeking careers as professional automotive, diesel, collision repair, motorcycle and marine technicians, with 11 campuses across the country; and

Whereas, on July 18, 1988, the first class at the Glendale Heights, Illinois campus convened, and since then the campus has grown and expanded; and

Whereas, since the first class convened, more than 19,000 students have graduated from the Illinois campus, ready to enter the workforce and obtain jobs in industry; and

Whereas, since opening, UTI's Illinois campus has expanded its advanced manufacturing training programs; and

Whereas, UTI's Illinois campus attracts students and families from across the Midwest, drawing half of its students from 100 miles or more away; and

Whereas, UTI provides its students with the career training necessary to succeed, including placing an emphasis on technical expertise, professionalism and personal responsibility; and

Whereas, four out of five UTI graduates find jobs in their field of studies within a year of graduation; and

Whereas, UTI produces nearly \$50 million in direct and indirect economic benefits for the region and state annually, according to a recent economic impact study. Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we do hereby celebrate the 25-year anniversary of UTI's Illinois campus and commend them for their commitment to the community and to career-focused education.

CONGRATULATING VICKY JOHNSON

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 23, 2013

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Vicky Johnson for being named the Louisiana National Association of Postmasters of the United States (NAPUS) Postmaster of the Year award on July 9, 2013 at the Louisiana NAPUS Convention in Lafayette.

Vicky began her career with the Postal Service in 1991 as a postmaster relief employee in Harrisonburg. After remaining there for 10 years, she applied for a position as a part-time flexible employee (PTF) in Winnsboro. Following a two year stint in this position, she attended a career conference in New Orleans and realized her dream of becoming a postmaster. On December 11, 2004, she achieved her goal and was sworn in as postmaster of Waterproof. Since then, she has served as postmaster as well as the officer in charge of multiple post offices throughout the Fifth Congressional District.

Vicky is currently the postmaster in Vidalia and considers her position a privilege. She always goes above and beyond to educate customers on all that the Postal Service has to offer and ensure they have positive experience in the Vidalia office. Additionally, for the past six years, she has served on the executive board of NAPUS.

Vicky has been married to Mike Johnson for 31 years. They are the proud parents of three daughters, Kirby, Kara, and Katie.

Regarding her time with NAPUS, Vicky loves the wonderful friends she has made from all over the state and says, "Being a part of NAPUS has been like being a part of a big family that is always there to help."

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in offering our warm congratulations to Vicky Johnson for earning such an esteemed award.

HONORING ALBERT R. ANNESS

HON. TODD C. YOUNG

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YOUNG of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Albert Anness of Franklin Indiana has shared with me a particularly memorable experience during his service as a Congressional Page in the House of Representatives.

Mr. Anness's story takes place during the first session of the 81st Congress in the winter of 1949, in which he gives his account of the inauguration of President Harry S Truman. His story holds both sentimental and historical value, and I believe future generations will find equal worth in his narrative. I am sure all of my colleagues join me in thanking Mr. Anness

for his service to the House of Representatives during the 81st Congress and for sharing his account of a special moment in history.

With utmost gratitude, I present the text of the letter written to me by Mr. Anness:

A MOMENT IN HISTORICAL REMEMBRANCE

(By Albert Anness)

Franklin D. Roosevelt unexpectedly died April 12, 1945, and his Vice-President Harry S Truman succeeded him to the Presidency. Three years later on Thursday the 20th of January 1949 Harry S Truman again took the 'Oath of Office', becoming the 33rd President of the United States. The historical significance of his inauguration is greatly enhanced when you consider that of the members of the 81st Congress attending his inauguration, four of them would someday themselves become President, i.e. John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson, Richard M. Nixon and Gerald R. Ford. Three of whom—Johnson, Nixon, and Ford—would like Truman, first serve as Vice-President. And of even greater historical significance, Congressman Gerald Ford would become both Vice-President and President without ever having been elected to either office!

Fellow House Page, Jim Richardson and I briefly occupied what would arguably have been considered among the best seats at Truman's inauguration. The operative word in this scenario is BRIEFLY as our 'up close and personal' presence at this historic milestone in our country's glorious history was soon, very soon, cut short by our boss 'Fishbait' Miller, Doorkeeper of the United States House of Representatives.

Thursday January 20, 1949 was a cloudy cold winter's day. The Boarding house where my roommate Senate Page Bob Hansel and I lived was located on New Jersey Avenue, a 'stone's throw' from the entrance of the Old House Office Building. Leaving our lodgings early that Thursday morning, we encountered an almost surreal scene. It appeared as if Capitol Hill was in a 'state of siege' with soldiers and military vehicles everywhere! We quickly realized today was going to be a very special day.

Entering the Old House Office Building we soon were in the underground Capitol Hill complex on our way to school. After school we usually had breakfast in the House cafeteria before reporting for work.

The House after a brief session adjourned, and as a body proceeded to President Truman's Inauguration. Our services no longer being required, my fellow House Pages and I scattered like the four winds!

I cannot remember how it came to be that I found myself in the Rotunda of the Capitol Building standing beside the Secret Service man guarding the entrance to President Truman's Inauguration Platform. An even bigger mystery is how fellow House Page Jim Richardson came to be standing next to me. But there we were, and as luck would have it the last Congressman about to pass through the door and onto President Truman's Inaugural Platform was my Congressman Edward G. Breen of the then 3rd Congressional District of Ohio.

After greeting me Congressman Breen proceeded to invite Jim and me to come along and watch President Truman's Inauguration. I explained that our passes did not extend to the Inaugural Platform. Congressman Breen while patiently waiting to pass thru the

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